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For: Preventing the unwanted external detection of  
operations in digital integrated circuits

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated January 20, 2010, the following remarks are respectfully submitted.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.